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SUBJ: AFGHAN COUP AND CENTO

1. CENTO SYG ASSAR CALLED ON ME JULY 18 TO DISCUSS IMPLICATIONS
FOR CENTO OF AFGHAN COUP. HE BELIEVED IT NECESSARY THAT, FOR
PUBLIC RELATIONS REASONS, HE BE ABLE TO SAY THAT CENTO WAS TAKING
AN INTEREST IN AFGHAN DEVELOPMENTS, IF ASKED BY THE PRESS.

2. I ADVISED CAUTION AND SUGGESTED THAT, IF ASKED, HE CONFINE HIMSELF
TO STATEMENT ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, WE HAVE
BEEN FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS IN AFGHANISTAN WITH INTEREST.

3. A REGULAR COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR
MONDAY, JULY 23. ASSAR WANTS TO SPEND A FEW MINUTES WITH ME
(AND PERHAPS CERTAIN OTHER OF THE DEPUTIES) MONDAY,
JUST BEFORE MEETING, TO DISCUSS WHAT CENTO SHOULD SAY OR DO
ABOUT AFGHANISTAN. ASSAR BELIEVES THAT, AS A COUNTRY LYING
BETWEEN TWO CENTO MEMBERS, AFGHANISTAN
DESERVES SOME CENTO EXAMINATION. ASSAR, AS A PERSIAN, PROBABLY
WILL BE MUCH INFLUENCED BY WHATEVER THE SHAH'S ATTITUDE MAY BE
ON AFGHAN COUP.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE BEFORE
MONDAY MEETING.

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